

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 8, 13, and 14 are pending, with Claims 1 and 5 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 have been amended. Claims 9 through 12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 13 and 14 have been added.

Claims 1 through 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as lacking written description on the grounds that the expression “recording unit is not capable of separating from said image capture apparatus” is not supported. All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to delete the objected-to expression. Further in this regard, the claims have also been amended to change “recording unit” to --internal recording unit--. Applicants wish to point out that while the term “internal” does not appear in the specification, the artisan would have thought that Applicants were in possession of the same in view of Fig. 1 and the use in the specification of the term “integrated” (see, e.g., page 3). Therefore, written description is present. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, and 8 through 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,832,275 B1 (Aizawa). Claims 1 through 12 again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,184,922 B1 (Saito, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,912 (Greening, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 variously recite, inter alia, (a) an internal recording unit, (b) if it is determined that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit, the communication unit starts outputting the image and sound data in response to the instruction of starting recording, and (c) if it is determined that the external storage device

is connected and the image and sound data are being output from the communication unit, the communication unit stops outputting the image and sound data in response to the instruction of stopping recording.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of Aizawa, et al., Saito, et al., and Greening, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed combination of claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1 and 5. With respect to Saito, et al., the Official Action relies, inter alia, upon item 97; however, Applicant respectfully submits that such does not constitute an internal recording unit as claimed in the above-discussed combination of claimed features. With respect to Aizawa, Applicant respectfully submits that said document shows, e.g., detecting a connection to a PC and transferring data to the information processing apparatus 101; however, Applicant respectfully submits that Aizawa fails to show at least feature (c) above. It is also respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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